## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1 relating to priority data and commencing on line 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation of <u>U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/688,824, filed October 17, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,614,767 issued September 2, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/318,938 filed May 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,154,452 issued November 28, 2000.</u>